

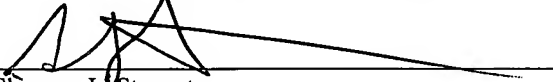


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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

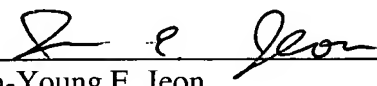
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The Applicants believe the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are unnecessary. The record as a whole makes clear the reasons for allowance and therefore a statement by the Examiner is not necessary or warranted. While the Applicants agree that the claims are allowable, the Applicants do not acquiesce in the stated reasons for allowance, nor that patentability required each stated feature as expressed by the Examiner.

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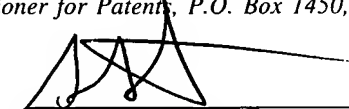
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Enclosed are 8 sheets of drawings for this application. They are submitted as formal drawings to replace the corresponding informal drawings as originally filed.

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